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CORONARY CARE FUNDS
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MISSOULA---

The Mountain States Regional Medical Program's Coronary Care Training Program here has been funded for a second year with a grant of \$135,594.

The program was developed under the direction of Dr. Harold A. Braun, M.D., Missoula, at St. Patrick Hospital and the University of Montana (UM) with an initial grant of \$175,287 through the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

Developed to meet the educational needs of physicians and nurses in Montana, the pilot project demonstrated that similar centers can be established elsewhere in the region, especially in more-remote areas.

During the initial year of operation, 70 physicians and 78 nurses, including a number from Idaho and Wyoming, completed the training courses in Missoula.

The local coronary care training program has stimulated the generation of proposals for similar programs in other mountain states.

After participating in the training program in Missoula, doctors and nurses have returned to their communities and are improving coronary care for patients in their respective areas.

Teaching facilities include a fully equipped mockup of an intensive coronary care unit at St. Patrick Hospital, adjoining a combination classroom-workroom for students and faculty. Laboratory space and equipment are provided by UM.

Coronary care training for nurses consists of two weeks of classroom instruction, followed by a week of bedside experience. Physicians receive four days of concentrated classroom instruction.

A training course for nurses under way this week and scheduled for completion May 23 in Missoula includes laboratory training sessions Wednesday (May 14) in the Health Sciences Building at the University.

Other training courses for nurses include one from Oct. 20-31 this year and another from Feb. 16-27, 1970. Three symposia for physicians are planned--June 16-19 and Sept. 15-18 this year and March 23-26, 1970.